

4:30 P. M. Michael Colaneri, Cynthia Mitchell

Also present: Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Jonathan Revere

1. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approved the minutes of 5/23/2006.
2. Recent Sales - 4/28/2006, 1153 State Rd., parcel 32-109 sale price \$3,750,000
4/21/2006, 39 Oak Knoll Rd., parcel 16-51, sale price \$735,000
3. The board discussed how they would handle the FY2006 abatement applications. Cindy reported that she had contacted the executive secretary about contacting town counsel Ron Rappaport to ask about discussing the applications in open session versus executive session. She suggested checking with the district attorney first. Cindy spoke with Tom Shack there and he recommended open session unless a taxpayer felt he would have to disclose sensitive information. Mr. Shack offered to work with the assessors on a case by case basis. Cindy also noted the letter that was sent to Tisbury last year from the DOR with a different opinion. Ellen Hutchinson has been asked for an opinion as well, but that has not been received yet. It was again noted that abatement applications are not a public record. Cindy suggested that the board begin with hearings in open session and check with the DA's office if circumstances warrant. There was a general discussion of how things were done last year following the opinion of the DOR, with the review of the applications done in executive session and the final actions taken in open session. Michael agreed with her suggestion and if an applicant requests an executive session there should be one. Cindy made a motion to discuss abatement applications in open session unless there is a strong indication that executive session is more appropriate, and that the board should make the decision on a case by case basis with the advice of the DA's office. It was so voted.
4. The following was signed: Certified Abutters List: Edward Bayne & Lea Delacour, parcel 11-6
5. The board looked over a sample glossary of assessment terms, which is available on the town of Eastham's website. Board members felt it was a good list, but some items should be added. It will be used as is for the time being and added to in the future.
6. Public comment - Jonathan Revere noted that he was present to tape the meeting as an independent producer, not at the request of MVTv. He will decide whether or not to air this or future taped meetings. He would not to tape a meeting if an abatement applicant objects. He also said he did not see why the DOR has anything to say about executive sessions. He also made a public records request for copies of all the assessors' executive session minutes from 2000 which can now be released.
7. Cindy Mitchell moved to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and the value of property, and also not to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Michael Colaneri. Voted: Mr. Colaneri - yes, Ms. Mitchell - Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor

Approved: